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**Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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**Week Ending October 12, 2014**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 12, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 57.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Garden to 70.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 77.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 88.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northwest part of the state with an average of 1.26 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending October 12, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, open bolls	99	96	NA	100
Cotton, harvested	72	52	NA	67
Rice, harvested	100	99	NA	99
Pecans, harvested	13	3	NA	12
Sorghum, harvested	100	99	NA	100
Soybeans, turning color	100	99	NA	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	97	94	NA	96
Soybeans, mature	95	92	NA	-
Soybeans, harvested	89	81	NA	82
Sugarcane, planted	98	95	NA	98
Sugarcane, harvested	9	2	NA	11
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	56	41	NA	50
Winter Wheat, planted	4	2	NA	-

**Crop condition for week ending October 12, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	0	1	11	67	21
Livestock	0	6	31	53	10
Pasture	0	12	28	51	9
Pecans	8	27	33	28	4
Soybeans	2	2	14	57	25
Sugarcane	2	9	33	43	13
Vegetables	1	16	41	39	3

**Comments from Extension Agents**

“Soybean harvest was slowed again with rains on Monday but picked up later in the week. Crawfish producers applying flood. Rice producers will start second crop harvest soon.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis Parish

“Beginning to get rainfall which is delaying harvest of cotton and soybeans planted behind wheat. Rain timed well for ryegrass plantings. Summer pasture grasses slowing growth due to shorter days.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Farmers harvesting late soybean crops. Second crop rice is starting to turn. Still have a few hay fields to harvest that have been hampered by rains. Ryegrass is about halfway done due to rains this week too.”

– James ‘Jimmy’ Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Sugarcane grinding season is making good progress. Growers are reporting good tonnage and sugar levels. Soybean damage from stinkbugs and weather appears to be increasing in late harvested beans. Cool season pasture planting and forage harvest continues. Crawfish ponds are being flooded by growers.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“While most commodity production areas begin to wrap up harvest, sugarcane begins. Most crop areas offer average to above average yields and early indicators are that sugarcane will offer good yields as well. Crawfish acres go to flood for next year’s crop. Cattle producers are planting winter pastures and putting up hay. Cattle prices are still high and producers are encouraged by the market. Fall work continues for the planting of spring crops.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 12, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	82.4	62.1	72.3	66.7	5.6	0.39	1	-0.65	2.79	-0.87
Mooringsport	82.5	64.2	73.3	67.2	6.2	0.85	2	-0.03	1.78	-1.68
Red River	85.0	64.0	74.5	68.0	6.2	NA	NA	NA	1.21	-1.94
Shreveport	82.3	61.6	71.9	67.4	4.5	2.54	2	1.67	4.34	0.48
Extreme/Average	83.0	63.0	73.0	67.3	5.6	1.26	2	0.33	2.53	-1.00
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	82.2	61.8	72.0	65.8	6.2	0.19	3	-0.61	1.12	-1.91
Farmerville	82.6	62.9	72.7	67.5	5.2	NA	NA	NA	0.94	-3.18
Homer	81.9	62.0	71.9	65.4	6.5	0.54	2	0.21	2.39	1.90
Extreme/Average	82.2	62.2	72.2	66.2	6.0	0.36	3	-0.20	1.48	-1.06
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	84.7	64.3	74.5	67.9	6.6	0.16	2	-0.18	1.32	0.82
St Joseph	85.6	65.4	75.5	69.0	6.1	NA	NA	NA	0.55	-2.27
Tallulah	86.0	66.4	76.2	68.0	8.2	1.20	1	0.21	2.58	-0.94
Winnsboro	85.6	59.2	72.4	68.4	3.7	0.50	1	-0.20	1.24	-1.80
Extreme/Average	85.5	63.8	74.7	68.3	6.2	0.62	2	-0.06	1.42	-1.05
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	83.6	62.6	73.1	67.0	6.1	0.21	4	-0.69	1.72	-1.54
Hodges Gardens	77.5	57.0	67.3	69.6	-3.1	1.25	2	0.99	3.18	0.13
Leesville	84.0	62.0	73.0	68.1	4.9	1.54	1	0.60	3.13	-0.84
Natchitoches	82.7	63.3	73.0	68.6	4.4	0.80	4	-0.14	2.11	-1.36
Extreme/Average	82.0	61.2	71.6	68.3	3.1	0.95	4	0.19	2.54	-0.90
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	84.6	63.7	74.1	70.1	4.0	NA	NA	NA	2.93	-0.79
Bunkie	85.4	65.6	75.5	69.6	5.9	0.00	0	-1.02	2.73	-1.35
Eunice	85.6	64.4	75.0	71.7	3.3	0.24	2	-0.78	1.71	-2.48
Jonesville Locks	84.6	65.8	75.2	69.7	5.4	0.10	2	-0.63	1.62	-1.00
New Roads	88.0	66.1	77.1	71.1	6.0	0.15	1	-0.76	2.14	-1.51
Extreme/Average	85.6	65.1	75.4	70.5	4.9	0.12	2	-0.80	2.23	-1.43
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.92	2.78	-1.14
Hammond	85.3	62.3	73.8	70.0	3.8	0.00	0	-0.85	0.94	-2.48
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	0.00	2.35	0.00
Slidell	84.6	66.7	75.6	NA	NA	0.00	0	0.00	1.48	0.00
Extreme/Average	84.9	64.5	74.7	70.0	3.8	0.00	0	-0.89	1.89	-1.81
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	85.1	66.0	75.6	71.6	4.0	1.17	2	0.13	4.02	-0.09
DeRidder	84.4	64.4	74.4	69.8	4.6	0.63	2	-0.40	4.05	-0.42
Jennings	85.9	66.4	76.1	71.5	4.6	0.44	2	-0.55	2.20	-2.26
Oberlin Fire	83.9	64.7	74.3	70.2	4.1	0.42	2	-0.60	4.64	0.07
Extreme/Average	84.8	65.4	75.1	70.8	4.3	0.66	2	-0.35	3.73	-0.67
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	86.7	65.6	76.1	70.8	5.3	0.00	0	-1.08	7.78	3.32
Jeanerette	85.7	64.1	74.9	71.4	3.5	0.04	1	-0.98	2.06	-2.82
Lafayette	86.4	65.3	75.9	70.8	5.1	0.48	1	-0.62	3.26	-1.15
Morgan City	87.7	67.5	77.6	73.0	4.4	0.02	1	-0.73	3.14	-0.96
Extreme/Average	86.6	65.6	76.1	71.5	4.6	0.14	1	-0.85	4.06	-0.40
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	84.9	68.6	76.7	72.7	4.0	0.05	2	-1.09	2.37	-2.39
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.10	2	-0.89	1.65	-2.32
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.90	0.71
New Orleans	88.5	70.5	79.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.50	NA
Extreme/Average	86.7	69.5	78.1	72.7	4.0	0.08	2	-0.99	1.60	-1.33
<b>State</b>	84.7	64.7	74.7	69.7	4.7	0.42	2	-0.45	2.36	-1.11

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.  
NA = Not Available.